

1. **Council Convenes - O Canada** –Warden Hunter called to order the March 7, 2012 session of Cumberland Municipal Council at 1:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers of the E. D. Fullerton Municipal Building, Upper Nappan. O Canada was sung.
2. **Roll Call** - The roll was called by Shelley Hoeg, Executive Assistant to the Chief Administrative Officer. Councillors in attendance: Warden Keith Hunter, Deputy Warden Gerald Read, Councillor John Kellegrew, Councillor Allison Gillis, Councillor Ron MacNutt, Councillor Kathy Redmond, Councillor Phillip Donkin, Councillor Ernie Gilbert, Councillor John Reid and Councillor Ratchford Merriam. There were also a number of staff in attendance.
3. **Approval of Agenda (Additions/Deletions)** –The Agenda was approved with the following additions and deletions:
 - Additions: 11.3 – Tax Sale Update, 11.4 – Fire Services Budgets, 12.1 – Green Cart RFP, 15.4 – DOTIR, 15.5 – Titanic Celebrations, 15.6 – Department of Education
 - Deletions: 11.3 – Insurance RFP, 6, 7, 9
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - 4.1 **Minutes from February 15, 2012 Council Session**
The minutes of February 15, 2012 were approved as circulated.
5. **Business Arising from the Minutes**
 - 5.1 **Action List, February 15, 2012** – There was no discussion on this item.
6. **Public Hearings**
This item was deleted.
7. **Delegations and Presentations**
This item was deleted.
8. **Correspondence**
9. **Planning Issues**
This item was deleted.
10. **Strategic Planning**
Citizen Engagement Committee will be meeting later on in the month and ACAS presentation was this morning.
11. **Financial Reports/Issues**
 - 11.1 **Community Development Grant Applications** – Recreation and Physical Activity Coordinator, Vicki Weaver, advised Council of the following Community Development Grant requests:

Students Against Drinking and Driving (ARHS Chapter) – The ARHS Chapter of SADD has been involved in many activities at the school including Safe Grad, Grad Beach Party, National Students Against Impaired Driving Day, Operation Christmas, jacket and food drives for the Amherst Food Bank, as well as International Women’s Day activities. One of their most costly activities is the CYAID (Canadian Youth Against Impaired Driving) conference. This year the conference is being held in Edmonton. The cost is \$400/student for registration and airfare to send students runs at about \$700/student. They ask for any assistance Council could provide. They have 30 youth on their committee and 13 are from the County.

District 1	2 students - \$300 per student who attend
District 2	3 students - \$300 per student who attend
District 3	5 students - \$300 per student who attend
District 7	3 students - \$300 per student who attend

Amherst Powerlifting Club – This group is planning to add some new equipment at their facility. The equipment is required to hold sanctioned contests in the Cumberland area. Their goal is to properly train strength athletes (new, seasoned, special Olympic and teen) and provide a place for them to do so, free from the prejudices of commercial gyms, with proper up-to-date equipment and a chance to compete with their peers locally, without the need to travel outside of NS. The event they wish to host would be very unique and also the first Canadian Powerlifting Federation event in Eastern Canada/NS ever. They are requesting **\$2,500** from Council (they are also requesting some funds from Sport NS and the Department of Health & Wellness).

Amherst	8
Nappan	2

Springhill	1
River Hebert	1
Brookdale	2
Fort Lawrence	1

Council is recommending \$1,000 from District 1

Pugwash Harbourfest – The Pugwash Harbourfest Committee is requesting assistance in the amount of **\$1,000** for the purchase of a computer and printer for Harbourfest / Tall Ships. Paperwork will be provided by Councillor Gillis.

Councillor Gillis recommends \$1,000 from District 4 funds

Oxford Tim Hortons Junior C Colts – The Junior C Colts provide young players aged 14-21 a place to play hockey at a higher level. Their 2011-2012 season is estimated to cost \$26,000 (or up to \$30,000 if they make it to the finals). We funded this group last year for \$500. Six of the 20 players are county residents (5 from District 1 and 1 from District 7)

Council agreed to fund \$500 from District 1 and \$500 from District 7

Emeryvine – Sustainable Future – This organization will be hosting several workshops throughout the year in regards to Global Warming, Energy Conservation, Water Conservation, Gardening, etc. The workshops are for education of the general public on all aspects of the environment. They are looking for **\$250** in funding to help secure the venue and other costs.

Council agreed to fund \$25 from each District

Cumberland County Minor Hockey Association – The CCMHA is once again hosting a House League Tournament which will host 32 teams (23 from away) and give a boost to our local economy through hotels and restaurants. We have funded this project for the past 2 years (\$500 in 2010 and \$1,000 in 2011) and they are asking for **\$2,000** this year.

Council agreed to fund \$100 from each District

Amherst Aerials Gymnastics Club – The Amherst Aerials will be hosting the Aerials March Break Invitational Competition on March 10-11th. This is the tenth year hosting this meet which sees a number of competitors from the local area as well as from all over the Maritimes. They are looking for support to help with the meet. They need items that could be used as prizes for participants and spectators or small items that could be used in the treat bags given to all participants (approximately 200). Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated.

Council agreed to fund \$30 per gymnast.

Cumberland Health Care Foundation – On April 28th the 14th Annual Foundation Dinner will be held at ARHS. The theme is Roaring 20's & All That Jazz. Proceeds from the evening will support the Cumberland Health Care Careers Bursary Program. Designed to help fight shortages of skilled medical professionals in Cumberland County, the bursary also helps students financially achieve their dreams of a career in health care. Since the first bursaries were awarded in 2005 a total of 17 students have come back to work with hospital patients in Cumberland County and 21 others are continuing in their programs of study. In 2012, seven recipients will be welcomed back to Cumberland County as they officially start the health care careers.

Tickets = \$45/ individual

Table bookings = \$270/ six people or \$450/ ten people

Silver sponsorship = \$500 (includes table & tickets for 6 people; event program listing; newsletter listing; \$50 nonrefundable credit to be used during the auction)

Gold Sponsorship = \$1,000 (includes table & tickets for 10 people; event program listing; newsletter listing; Donor Kiosk listing [minimum 6 months]; corporate listing on bidding cards; \$100 nonrefundable credit to be used during the auction)

Council agreed to purchase a Gold Sponsorship

Millvale Community hall - \$800 District 6

CANSA – International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination - \$20 from each District

Titanic Celebrations – \$1260 from District 9

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Merriam to approve the following recreation grant requests.

Students Against Drinking and Driving (ARHS Chapter)

District 1	2 students - \$300 per student who attend
District 2	3 students - \$300 per student who attend

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| Amherst Powerlifting Club | District 1 - \$1,000 |
| Pugwash Harbourfest | District 4 - \$1,000 |
| Oxford Tim Hortons Junior C Colts | District 1 - \$500 |
| | District 7 - \$500 |
| Emeryvine – Sustainable Future | All Districts - \$25 each |
| Cumberland County Minor Hockey Assoc | All Districts - \$100 each |
| Amherst Aerials Gymnastics Club | \$30 per county gymnast |
| Cumberland Health Care Foundation | Gold Sponsorship |
| Millvale Community hall | District 6 - \$800 |
| CANSA – | |
| International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination | All Districts \$20 each |
| Titanic Celebrations | District 9 - \$1260 from District 9 |

MOTION CARRIED #12-026

11.2 Remittal – AAN 07496311 – Erika Kromm, Revenue Officer provided a memo to Council advising that the Owner of AAN 07496311 is wishing to have the interest written off of his account. The address that we have been sending tax billings and past due notices to is correct and this was verified by the Owner.

Staff were directed to contact the Owner and advise they are not in favor of writing off the interest.

11.3 Tax Sale Update – Mr. MacDonald, Director of Finance, advised that staff are in the process of contacting the successful bidders and have bids on 5 of the 13 properties. There are 8 properties that have not had bids placed on them. Staff will investigate offering the properties to abutters.

Notice for our upcoming tax sale will be in the newspaper in the next couple of weeks with the 8 remaining properties being placed in that ad.

11.4 Fire Services Budgets – Councillor Merriam wanted to know if any of our 14 Fire Departments have not submitted their budgets and in particular District 10. He was advised that 3 Departments have not submitted the requested financial information.

12. Operational Services/Reports Issues

12.1 Green Cart RFP –

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Gilbert to accept the RFP for green carts from IPL to a maximum of \$682,080.00 plus HST, with the authority given to the Solid Waste Administrator to negotiate delivery details and unforeseen issues that may arise during the roll out program.

MOTION CARRIED #12-027

13. Committee/Other Reports

13.1 Cumberland Public Libraries – The monthly report was provided to Council for their perusal. Chief Librarian, Beth Clinton, would like to provide a year-end presentation to Council. Executive Assistant to the CAO, Shelley Hoeg has been requested to contact Ms. Clinton to make arrangements for such a presentation.

13.2 By-Law and Policy Committee – **IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Gillis to give Notice of Motion for the adoption of the Policy on Citizen Appointments at the next Council session.**

MOTION CARRIED #12-028

Mr. Ferguson, A/CAO advised that the Committee considered whether there would be merit in developing a program whereby each school attended by students from the Municipality would get an annual grant base on enrollment, instead of funding individual requests for Community Development Grants. The Committee agreed that they are satisfied with the way the system now

works and did not wish to develop such a program. It was generally felt that there would be a loss of accountability, and that if more efforts are made to ensure the availability of such grants is well known, any imbalances can be corrected.

Bursary Program – A draft program was provided to Council. This Program can be adopted by an ordinary resolution or by a formal policy.

Solid Waste By-Law – Mr. Ferguson, A/CAO advised that a draft new Solid Waste By-Law was presented to the Committee, and a number of changes were highlighted. A new bylaw will be required for two reasons: (1) to reflect county wide pick-up of organics, and (2) to adopt the recommendation in the Dillon report that all 5 units have very similar bylaws (to improve education and enforcement).

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Redmond to give Second and Final Reading at the April 4th Council session, to the Solid Waste By-law with the amendment of a spelling error located in Section 2-2 *residential should be removed and replaced with residual.*

MOTION CARRIED #12-029

13.3 Compensation Review – Council received the document prior to the meeting.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Kellegrew, seconded by Councillor Gillis to accept the Consultants report regarding the compensation review.

MOTION CARRIED #12-030

14. **Old Business**
This item was deleted

15. **New Business**

15.1 Appointment of Returning Officer/Deputy Returning Officer – **IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Read, seconded by Councillor Merriam to appoint Rennie Bugley, CAO, as the Returning Officer and Shelley Hoeg, Executive Secretary as the Deputy Returning Officer.**

MOTION CARRIED #12-031

15.2 April Council Dates/Volunteer Luncheon Date – Volunteer Luncheon will be on April 18, 2012.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Gilbert to change the Council session date of April 4, 2012.

MOTION DIED FOR WANT OF A SECONDER

15.3 Inter Municipal Energy Agreement – **IT WAS MOVED by Deputy Warden Read, seconded by Councillor Kellegrew to approve the Inter Municipal Energy Agreement as presented.**

MOTION CARRIED #12-032

15.4 DOTIR – Councillor Redmond provided photo's to Council regarding a dangerous section of road. Meetings were held with the Local DOTIR, with no success.

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Redmond, seconded by Deputy Warden Read, to send a strong letter, to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, with copies to local MLA's, our MP, and the DOTIR Area Manager, Buffy White advising of the frustration and concern of the residents of Wentworth-Collingwood Road due to due to a dangerous situation with the shoulder of the road being washed away on a turn.

MOTION CARRIED #12-033

15.5 Titanic Celebrations – Dealt with under Community Development Grants.

15.6 Department of Education – **IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Merriam, seconded by Councillor Kellegrew to forward correspondence to Jamie Baillie, cc'd to Gary Clarke, Superintendent of Schools requesting the rationale for CCRSB busses for the Parrsboro Schools catchment areas, being fueled up at the Parrsboro DOTIR depot rather than a local gas station in Parrsboro.**

MOTION CARRIED #12- 034

16. **Information Items**

16.1 Nova Scotia Policing Governance Standards Steering Committee Member - Warden Hunter

congratulated Councillor Gilbert for being appointed to the N.S. Policing Governance Standards Steering Committee.

- 16.2 RFP for LED Streetlights – Councillor Kellegrew expressed his concern of the issue due to the fact that if our Municipality has to take over ownership of the lights, what Municipal staff will provide upkeep to them and who pays for installation, etc.
- 16.3 MAG Oversight Committee – Any Councillor interested should advise the Executive Assistant to the CAO, for submission to the UNSM.
- 16.4 Open Air Burning By-Law – This will be on the March 21, 2012 meeting for first reading.
- 16.5 Election Timeline – provided as information.

Staff were requested to have a determination made on if a Councillor is attending a meeting via videoconferencing, are they counted as present at the meeting and allowed to vote.

17. **Adjournment**

On motion the meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

18. **God Save the Queen**